

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Renato CAPONI et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3663
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Application No.: 10/568,080)	Examiner: DIACOU, Ari M.
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Filed: February 13, 2006)	
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For: MULTI-STAGE OPTICAL)	Confirmation No.: 7439
AMPLIFIER OPTIMIZED WITH)	
RESPECT TO NOISE, GAIN AND)	
BANDWIDTH)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

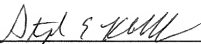
Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to file a reply to the Office Action dated November 21, 2007. A fee of \$1050.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 19, 2008

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